

Preliminary Amendment dated \_\_\_\_\_

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. (canceled)
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (canceled)
7. (currently amended) A composition comprising a stable polyurethane latex having a mean volume average particle size of not greater than about 1 micron and a solids content of at least 45 percent by weight, wherein the polyurethane latex contains units formed from a chain-extending reagent selected from the group consisting of water, diamines, and alcohol monoamines and wherein the latex is stabilized by a surfactant consisting essentially of an external anionic surfactant.
8. (canceled)
9. (previously presented) The composition of Claim 7 wherein the polyurethane latex has a solids content of at least 55 percent by weight, wherein the chain-extending reagent is selected from the group consisting of piperazine and water, and wherein the latex contains not more than 0.1 weight percent solvent.
10. (canceled)
11. (canceled)

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12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The composition of Claim 7 wherein the external anionic surfactant is a sulfate of an ethoxylated phenol, an alkali metal fatty acid salt, an alkali metal lauryl sulfate, an amine lauryl sulfate, an alkali metal alkylbenzene sulfonate, an amine alkylbenzene sulfonate, or an alkali metal soap of a modified resin and wherein the latex contains no solvent and wherein the chain extending reagent includes water.

14. (canceled)

15. (new) A composition comprising a stable polyurethane latex having a mean volume average particle size of not greater than about 1 micron and a solids content of at least 45 percent by weight, wherein the polyurethane latex consists of a non-self-emulsifying prepolymer and contains units formed from a chain-extending reagent selected from the group consisting of water, diamines, and alcohol monoamines and wherein the latex is stabilized by an external anionic surfactant.

16. (new) The composition of Claim 15, wherein the latex is stabilized solely by an external anionic surfactant.